Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Figure 1B shows a system 100 that uses a controller /adapter 106 (referred to as "adapter" 106) for communication between a host system 101A with host memory 101 to various storage systems (for example, storage subsystem 116 and 121, tape library 118 and 120) using fibre channel storage area networks 114 and 115. Servers 117 and 119 can also access the storage sub-systems (for example, 116 and 121) using SAN 115 and 114, respectively.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] Adapter 106 includes external memory 108 and 110 and frame buffers [[11A]] 111A and [[11B]] 111B that are used to move information to and from the host to other SAN components.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] It is noteworthy that although the example in Figures 2A and 2B show two adapters, the present adaptive aspects of the present invention are not limited to any particular number of adapters. For example, in Figure 2C, PCI-Exp slot 201 is shown where two devices [[201A]] 201G and 201B (adapters A and B) are coupled using X4 (i.e. 4 lanes each) in an x4 configuration. Figure 2D also shows PCI-Exp slot 201 that couples four devices 201C-201F using the x2 (two lanes) configuration. Similarly, other devices can be used in x12, x16 and x32 configuration.